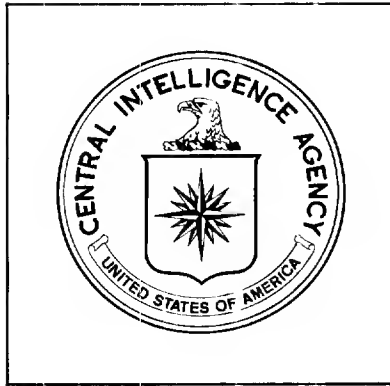


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Armed Forces Threaten Portugal's Parties

The Portuguese Armed Forces Movement yesterday issued a statement criticizing all political parties, including the Communists, warning that the parties should completely align themselves with the Movement's policies. 2

To show its unhappiness with the continuing dissension between the Communists and the Socialists, the government yesterday closed down the Socialist paper taken over by Communist printers on Monday. The printers were protesting the publishing of a Communist document outlining charges party workers planned to use in a new purge of non-Communists from the government-owned radio and television network.

Two thousand Socialists, including party leader Soares, staged an all-night vigil to protest the Communist takeover. Information Minister Jesuino condemned the vigil as a "divisionist maneuver whose only aim appeared to be the sabotage of the Portuguese revolution." The government ordered that the paper remain closed pending a decision by a special press tribunal. The Socialists last night presented an ultimatum to President Costa Gomes: unless the Communists stop trying to take over the press trade unions and local governments, the Socialists will leave the government.

Taking a swipe at the extreme left as well, the armed forces general assembly approved a statement deploring the "divisionist and counterrevolutionary nature" of the

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outlawed Reorganizing Movement of the Proletariat Party. Press reports indicate that members of the Reorganizing Movement had beaten up two US Marine guards in Lisbon Monday night.

The general assembly also announced in a communique that civil unrest in Portugal is being provoked by "the forces of reaction and groups of leftist provocateurs" to divert the Movement's attention from the events in Angola. The emphasis on Angola in the communique highlights the military's serious concern over the deteriorating situation in Angola and its possible implications for the metropole. The statement also signals an awareness of the breakdown in order in Portugal and suggests that the Movement is looking for an excuse to cover up its inability to handle partisan difficulties.

The assembly, which will convene again soon to complete its work, also established a military tribunal to try those charged with complicity in the coup attempt on March 11. The commission that investigated the abortive coup was officially praised by the assembly, but the widely rumored effort to use the March 11 issue to remove moderate military leaders apparently did not develop. (Confidential)

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UNESCO Moves to Overcome Internal
Difficulties

The UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization is trying to overcome internal differences over two anti-Israeli resolutions passed at the organization's last general conference in November.

The UNESCO executive board meeting that ends in Paris tomorrow is the first major assembly since the Arab-backed resolutions excluded Israel from the organization's European regional group and condemned Israeli archeological excavations in Jerusalem. Hundreds of Western intellectuals and artists have boycotted UNESCO-sponsored activities because of the resolutions and Congress voted last year to halt US payments, which provide a quarter of the UNESCO budget.

A draft resolution circulated by the executive board earlier this week contains provisions which are aimed at re-establishing UNESCO's non-political atmosphere, but it does not restrict earlier condemnations of Israel. The Egyptian ambassador to UNESCO, however, stated recently that he could see no Arab objection to including Israel in a meeting of European governmental education experts in Helsinki in October.

If Israel is invited, it could begin a series of initiatives leading to Israel's de facto participation in European regional group activities. Formal approval would probably be delayed until UNESCO's 19th general conference at the end of 1976. (Confidential)

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